



As much as the Queenes Maiestie our souerayne Lady is credibly informed, that the infection of the plague is at this present in sondry places, in & about the citie of London, and in other places neere adioyning to the same: Whereas by the continuance thereof, through the greater repaire and resort of her louing Subiects, great perill and daunger might not onely ensue vnto her most royall person, but also to her most louing Subiects repairing thither for their Sutes & causes, & thereby also giue occasion of dispersing of the same in other partes of the Realme: Her Maiestie for the said necessarie considerations, & hoping that the same will by the goodnes of Almighty God, with the coldnes of the yere, and such holsome orders as are taken in her said citie, the rather cease by the adioynment of part of this next Tearme of Saint Michael now at hande, from the vtas of the same, vntill the fourth returne of the said Tearme, called Mensis Michaelis next comming: Her Maiestie therefore of her especial fauour & clemencie, is pleased & contented to adioyne the saide Tearme of Saint Michael, That is to say, from the vtas thereof vnto the said fourth returne of the said Tearme, called Mensis Michaelis next comming, which her Maiestie signifieth to all & singular her louing Subiects of this her Realme, to thintent that they and euery of them, which hath cause or commandement to appeare in any of her Highnes Courtes at Westminster, in or at any daye or time from & after the saide vtas of Saint Michael, may tarrye at their dwellings, or where their busines otherwise shall lye, without resorting to any of the sayde Courtes for that cause before Mensis Michaelis next comming, and that without daunger of forfeiture, penaltie, or contempt to incurre towards her Highnes in that behalfe. And neuertheless her Maiesties pleasure is, that twoo of her Iustices, that is to say, of either Benche one, shall the first day of Michaelmas Tearme, called Octabis Michaelis, according to the auncient order of her Lawes, keepe the Essoynes of the saide Octabis Michaelis, at which vtas of Saint Michael, writtes of Adioynment shalbe directed to the saide Iustices, giuing them aucthoritie to adioyne the sayd Tearme of Saint Michael, That is to saye, from the vtas thereof vntill Mensis Michaelis, as before is saide. And the said adioynment shalbe made in the first day of the saide vtas, commonly called the daye of the Essoynes. And further her Maiesties pleasure is, that all matters, causes & sutes, depending in any of her other Courtes, betweene partie & partie, as in her Highnes Courtes of Chancerie, Starre Chamber & Exchequier, Courtes of Wardes & Lyueries, Duchie of Lancaster & Courtes of Requestes shall haue continuance, & the parties shall haue daye from the date of these presents vnto Mensis Michaelis, as before is saide.

Provided alway, and her Maiesties pleasure & commandement is, that all Collectors, Receiuers, Sheriffes & other Accomptants, and all other parsons that should or ought to accompte or pay any somme or sommes of money, in any of her Maiesties Court of Exchequier, Courte of Wardes & Lyueries, or of her Duchie of Lancaster, or in any of them, or to enter into any accompt in any of the same Courts, shal repaire vnto the accustomed places at Westminster, where her Highnes hath appoynted such Officers & Ministers, as for that purpose her Maiestie hath thought expedient, and there to paye & doo in euery behalfe, as though no such Proclamation of Adioynment had bene had or made. And her Highnes further pleasure & commandement is, that all Sheriffes shall returne their writtes & Processe against all such Accomptants & Detters at the dayes therein appoynted. And if any parson or parsons, who ought to accompt or paye any somme or sommes of money to her Maiestie in any the Courtes & places aforesaid, do make default therein, That then her Highnes writtes and Processe shalbe awarded, and sent forth against euery such parson and parsons, & the same to be duely and orderly serued and returned by the Sheriffes and Officers thereunto appoynted, in such like maner & forme as the same should haue bene, if this present Proclamation had not bene made. And if any Sheriffe or other Officer shall make default or be negligent in seruing, executing and retorning of any the writtes & processe aforesaid: That then euery such Sheriffe and other Officer shall incurre such paynes and penalties, as by the said Courts, or any of them shalbe taxed & assessed: willing and commanding all & euery her Maiesties Sheriffes, Officers, Ministers & Subiects, to whome it doeth or shall apperteyne, to obserue and keepe their assemblies & apparances, with all their Retornes & certificates, in her highnes sayd Courtes at Westminster, in Mensis Michaelis next comming, then and there to be holden and kept, and there to do their offices and ducties in euery behalfe, in like maner and forme as they should or ought to haue done, if this present Proclamation had not bene had or made. As they will answere to the contrary at their perills.

Given at our Mannor of Otclands, the xvi. day of September, in the ninetenth yere of our raigne.

God saue the Queene.

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commandement, By Christopher Barkar.